

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
Town of Waterford**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election to be held in the Town of Waterford, Racine County, Wisconsin, on April 4, 2023, the following proposed Resolution will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCREASE THE LEVY BEYOND THE AMOUNT THAT IS ALLOWED UNDER THE LOCAL LEVY LIMIT STATUTE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND SCHEDULING AN ELECTION FOR A REFERENDUM TO EXCEED THE LEVY LIMIT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Under state law, the increase in the levy of the Town of Waterford for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2024, is limited to 1.303%, which results in a levy of \$2,187,198. Shall the Town of Waterford be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2024, for the purpose of creating and filling one (1) new police officer position, by a total of 6.858%, which results in a levy of \$2,337,198, and on an ongoing basis, include the increase of \$150,000 for each fiscal year going forward?"

EXPLANATION

A "YES" vote will allow the Town of Waterford to increase the total Town property tax levy to pay for creating and filling one (1) new police officer position, which will enhance the Town of Waterford Police Department's ability to better fulfill the department's growing response and preventative responsibilities. Raising the statutory levy limit will allow the Town to enhance these services, which are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Waterford. The increase in levy for this purpose will be \$150,000 beginning for next fiscal year, 2023, and that same amount will remain in the base property tax levy for each year going forward. The amount represents an estimated annual municipal property tax increase of \$15 for each \$100,000 of assessed property value.

A "NO" vote will prohibit the Town of Waterford from a special increase in the total Town property tax levy specifically to pay for adding one (1) new police officer. The Town will remain strictly constrained to the statutory provisions that limit property tax increases and will not have these added resources to address increase department obligations as compared with similar and nearby communities.

Done in the Town of Waterford on
DATE

Tina Mayer
Town Clerk